

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 00166 01 OF 02 041620Z

50

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04

RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 IO-14 NIC-01 ACDA-19 EB-11

FAA-00 SAJ-01 DRC-01 EURE-00 /135 W

----- 018835

O R 041611Z JAN 74

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9524

INFO USMISSION BERLIN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 01 OF 02 BONN 00166

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN, FR, UK, UR, US, GW, GE, WB

SUBJECT: FRENCH MILITARY FLIGHT TO EAST BERLIN

REF: (A) BONN 123; (B) STATE 1443

SUMMARY: AT TRIPARTITE MEETING JANUARY 4, FRENCH REP REITERATED HIS POSITION ON FAURE FLIGHT TO EAST BERLIN (REF A). US REP ASKED WHAT CONTINGENCY PLANNING FRENCH HAD DONE TO TAKE CARE OF POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES. FRENCH REP OUTLINED FRENCH THINKING REGARDING STEPS TO BE TAKEN SHOULD SOVIETS OR EAST GERMANS CREATE PROBLEMS OR TRY TO CHANGE ESTABLISHED FLIGHT PROCEDURES IN AIR CORRIDORS OR BCZ. BOTH US AND UK REPS SAID THESE APPEARED TO MEET ALLIED REQUIREMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. AT TRIPARTITE MEETING JANUARY 4, FRENCH REP PRESENTED FORMALLY HIS AUTHORITIES' PROPOSAL TO HAVE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT FAURE FLY TO EAST BERLIN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 00166 01 OF 02 041620Z

FROM PARIS IN FRENCH MILITARY AIRCRAFT, UTILIZING SOUTH

CORRIDOR (REF A) AND FLIGHT PROCEDURES ANALAGOUS TO POLISH LOT FLIGHTS.

2. US REP DREW ON REF B IN STRESSING NEED FOR CONTINUITY PLANNING TO ENSURE THAT THE FRENCH AIRCRAFT WOULD LAND IN WEST BERLIN IF THE SOVIETS OR EAST GERMANS DEVIATED FROM LOT PROCEDURES OR IF ANY EFFORT WAS MADE TO INTRODUCE GDR INTO THE PICTURE OTHER THAN IN THE FINAL LANDING AT SCHOENEFELD. FRENCH REP SAID THAT THE FRENCH PLANNING WAS SIMPLE: IF THE SOVIETS OR EAST GERMANS ENDEAVORED TO CREATE ANY DIFFICULTIES WHATSOEVER OR TO DEPART FROM THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED FOR HANDLING LOT FLIGHTS, THEN THE FRENCH AIRCRAFT WOULD LAND AT TEGEL.

3. US REP ASKED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SOVIETS ATTEMPTED, AFTER AIRCRAFT HAD ENTERED AIR CORRIDOR, TO GIVE CONTROL OF FLIGHT TO GDR AUTHORITIES. FRENCH REP SAID THIS WAS TECHNICALLY NOT FEASIBLE, SO FAR AS HE UNDERSTOOD THE SITUATION: FRENCH AIRCRAFT WOULD REMAIN UNDER BARTCC CONTROL UNTIL IT REACHED THE POINT IN THE BERLIN CONTROL ZONE WHERE LOT NORMALLY MOVED INTO GDR AIR CONTROLLERS' HANDS, AT WHICH POINT THE FRENCH PILOT WOULD SWITCH HIS COMMUNICATIONS TO GDR CONTROLLERS' FREQUENCY FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

4. FRENCH REP INITIALLY INDICATED READINESS TO PERMIT REFERENCE TO SCHOENEFELD LANDING IN ANY STAMP SOVIETS MIGHT PLACE ON FLIGHT CARD IN BASC. FOLLOWING OBJECTIONS FROM US AND UK REPS AGAINST CHANGING ANY OF BASC'S ESTABLISHED METHOD OF OPERATION, FRENCH REP AGREED TO DROP THIS IDEA.

5. UK REP INDICATED HIS AUTHORITIES WERE NOT KEEN ON THE PROPOSED FLIGHT BUT DID NOT FEEL STRONGLY ENOUGH TO

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BONN 00166 02 OF 02 041620Z

50

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04

RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 IO-14 NIC-01 ACDA-19 EB-11

FAA-00 SAJ-01 DRC-01 EURE-00 /135 W

----- 018838

O R 041611Z JAN 74

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9525

INFO USMISSION BERLIN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

USMISSION NATO BRUSSELS

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 02 OF 02 BONN 00166

OBJECT TO IT. HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD ALSO HAVE PREFERRED THAT THE FLIGHT GO VIA CHEB (CZECHOSLOVAKIA) AND NOT AIR CORRIDOR, BUT AGAIN WOULD NOT PRESS THE POINT. THUS, UK WAS PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH FRENCH PROPOSAL.

6. FRENCH REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES IN EAST BERLIN WOULD INDICATE TO THEIR APPROPRIATE GDR COUNTERPARTS WHEN AND HOW THE FAURE FLIGHT WAS ARRIVING AT SCHOENE-FELD. HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO SOVIETS IN THE BASC. US AND UK REPS EXPRESSED DOUBTS AS TO WISDOM OF THIS ORDER OF PRESENTATION, BUT FRENCH REP SAID HE THOUGHT IT HAD TO BE DONE THAT WAY OUT OF COURTESY TO EAST GERMAN HOSTS. US AND UK REPS STRESSED THAT PASSING OF INFORMATION TO GDR SHOULD BE JUST THAT, I.E., INFORMATIONAL IN NATURE, AND NOT A REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO LAND: IN PASSING ALONG THE INFO, THE FRENCH COULD ALSO INDICATE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BONN 00166 02 OF 02 041620Z

TO EAST GERMANS THAT THEY WOULD BE DEALING WITH THIS MATTER WITH THE SOVIETS AT THE APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL LEVEL. FRENCH REP AGREED TO PROPOSE THIS LINE TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

7. FRENCH REP CONCLUDED BY COMMENTING THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH HIS MISSION IN BERLIN TO ENSURE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SLIP-UPS OR DEVIATION FROM ESTABLISHED FLIGHT PROCEDURES.

8. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THIS

FLIGHT WILL GO OFF PRECISELY AS ENVISAGED, THE FRENCH DO APPEAR TO BE CONSCIOUS OF THE RISKS INVOLVED IN DEPARTING FROM THE LOT PROCEDURES OR IN GRANTING THE GDR ANY ROLE IT HAS NOT HERETOFORE HAD IN THE FIELD OF CORRIDOR OR BCZ FLIGHTS BY ALLIED AIRCRAFT. ON THIS BASIS, AND IN THE BELIEF THAT THE RISK OF THE SOVIETS AND/OR EAST GERMANS CREATING POLITICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE VISIT TO EAST BERLIN OF A RANKING FRENCH FIGURE IS PROBABLY FAIRLY SMALL, WE CONSIDER THAT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT BE OPPOSED.

HILLENBRAND

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: BERLIN AIR ACCESS, MILITARY FLIGHT CLEARANCES, OVERFLIGHT AGREEMENTS, BERLIN ACCESS DISPUTES, BERLIN ACCESS PROCEDURES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 JAN 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BONN00166
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740163/aaaacgzd.tel
Line Count: 180
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: (A) BONN 123; (B) STATE 1443
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: garlanwa
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 MAY 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <02 APR 2002 by kelleyw0>; RELEASED <14 MAY 2002 by garlanwa>; APPROVED <14 MAY 2002 by garlanwa>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FRENCH MILITARY FLIGHT TO EAST BERLIN
TAGS: ETRN, FR, UK, UR, US, GE, GC, WB
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005